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TO BRING DOCUMENTS TO YOUR DOOR

Destined to make history itself is the Freedom Train, a unique, seven-car railroad unit which will bring the nation's glorious past to the citizens of Fitchburg on October 29, 1947. For the first time, more than one hundred of the nation's most priceless documents, including the Bill of Rights, the Emancipation Proclamation and contemporary manuscript copy of the Declaration of Independence attested by Benjamin Franklin, have been taken from Washington and are being borne about the country. In this way millions of American citizens will be able to examine at first-hand the instruments of their country's freedom and greatness, and to rededicate themselves to American ideals.

Three cars of the unit comprise the exhibit itself. Four others provide space for the personnel who are on the 29,000 mile, one-year tour. One is a baggage car; and three are Pullmans. The entire unit is air-conditioned.

Minimum of Personnel

A staff of thirty are aboard at one time. At present, this staff breaks down as follows:

- 20 armed guards
- 2 maintenance men
- 2 train managers
- 1 conductor
- 3 porters
- 1 document specialist
- 1 photographer

Life aboard the train has its difficulties. There is no diner. Staff members must eat at restaurants when the train is stopped. The laundry problem is solved by shipping clothes ahead of the train. Living accommodations are limited. Compartments accommodate one person. Each drawing room accommodates two.

The train generally arrives in a community the night before the day of exhibition. It must then be set up with ramps, platform, marquee, public address system, etc. Runs between exhibit-stops are made at night, allowing most of the personnel a normal night's rest. Exceptions to this rule are made for members of the armed guard, who rotate rest periods during

On Guard for Freedom



the day.

Work aboard Freedom Train is highly departmentalized. The two maintenance men are responsible for inspecting the exhibit area; the porters deal only with the Pullmans. The armed guards are responsible to the train manager.

In addition to the above full-time staff, each railroad, as it receives Freedom Train in its territory, may attach what is called a business car (similar to a private car) for the use of railroad officials and local dignitaries.

Freedom Train is financed by the American Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization administered by thirty-six trustees representing business, labor and civic groups. Valuable assistance is given the project by the Advertising Council and by American railroads.

Extraordinary measures have been taken, to safeguard the nation's most precious papers. The train is of all-metal construction and contains the finest automatic fire-prevention devices. All personnel aboard have been trained in emergency procedures. The documents themselves are thoroughly protected from damage

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MOTORISTS

EXTREME FOREST FIRE HAZARD

Do not throw lighted cigarettes and matches out of car windows.

EDUCATION TODAY

The same drawbacks and attractions which existed for teachers decades ago still exist today. On the debit side, there is little financial gain, and no fame or glory. On the credit side, there is a large degree of security, an opportunity to keep young by association with young minds, and the chance to associate with colleagues who share common interests and understandings. One must be prepared to derive satisfaction not from the public at large, but from understanding and recognition by one's colleagues and by oneself. Teachers have been compared to soldiers in that both are too little appreciated for the value of their work. There is, however, a personal satisfaction to be gained from teaching that few other professions can rival.

From an economic standpoint, the teacher's position is one of relative stability. The salary level lags behind any rise or fall in the cost of living. That is, the moving of teacher's salaries upward lags behind the upward move of salaries of other workers. Yet this relative stability means less loss in

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Sophomores To Sponsor Halloween Dance

ASSEMBLIES

The student body was entertained by feats of magic at the assembly on October 7th, performed by Mal Cameron assisted by his wife and three of our able students—namely, "Connie" Sharron, Don Clarke and Bill Sullivan. Mr. Cameron has earned the reputation of being one of New England's best magicians and he certainly lived up to this when he performed here at Fitchburg.

There was an atmosphere of friendly rivalry at the M. A. A. assembly on Tuesday, October 14th, between our President, Dr. Sanders, a Yale man, and the speaker, a former Harvard foot ball star. Charlie Brickley, the All-American half-back, Captain of the 1914 Harvard foot ball team, member of the Olympic team in 1912 and the greatest drop kicker of all time told of the valuable lessons he had learned from playing in a game against Yale.

The first lesson he learned was that there is much satisfaction and happiness to be gained by giving of yourself to help others; second, there is great value in physical and mental training, not only in sports; third, the importance of tolerance, or the ability to get along with your neighbor whether he be black or white, protestant, Catholic, or Jew; and last but not least, keep going in spite of difficulties. Be concerned with the present for it is the important moment of life.

CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP RENAMED

The Student Christian Association, formerly the Campus Fellowship, held its first meeting on Monday, October 6.

Officers for the year '47 '48 are:

- President
George Krikorian
- Vice President
Mary Jennison
- Secretary
Joan Lyell
- Treasurer
To be re-elected
- Program Chairman
Kenneth Skinner

The Association is fortunate
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B. F. BROWN SCENE OF GALA AFFAIR

The Fall Social Season opens with a flourish this coming Friday night, as the Sophomore Class puts on the celebrated annual Halloween Dance. The affair will be held in the B. F. Brown school gymnasium on Academy Street, with the doors opening at 8:30 o'clock in the evening.

As in preceding years, everyone is expected to come in costume, with the most original creation winning a prize. To everyone unfortunate enough not to have taken first place, a chance to win a door prize will be given at some time during the evening. Guests will dance to the music of Paul T. Heffernan and his orchestra.

Throughout the years the Halloween Dance has continued to be one of the most colorful and picturesque affairs put on by the students during the social season. The gaily decorated hall, the myriad of color provided by the costumed dancers as they pirouette about the floor, the soft music and the air of spontaneous gaiety all contribute to making the dance one long-to-be-remembered.

This year the Sophomore class is working doubly hard to insure everyone a pleasant evening, full of fun and frolic. No pains have been spared in decorating the hall, and the old B. F. Brown Gym will probably be unrecognizable to most of us.

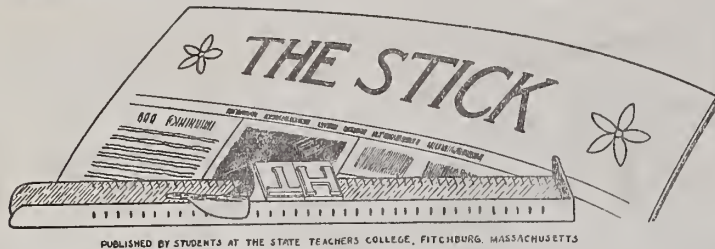
Committee members are:

- Raymond Forest—Chairman
- Bernard Harcourt
- Richard Drury
- Donald York—Refreshments
- Loring Caney—Refreshments
- John O'Neil
- Florence Donnelly—Prizes
- Elizabeth Assetta—Decorations
- Florence Dowe—Prizes

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

The MOHAWKS, GAVELEERS and ESOTERICs would like to determine how many students would be interested in holding an all-school mountain climb on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, there will be a blank sheet on the bulletin board. If you would like to go, sign your name. It will cost about one dollar per person.



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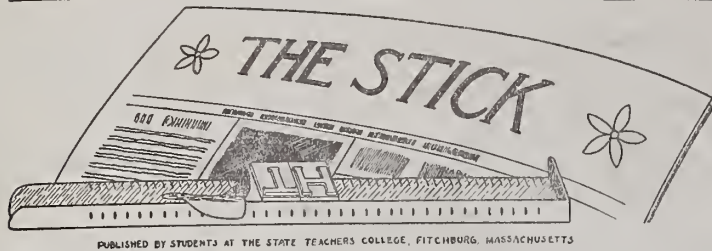
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The fellow next to him is Joseph Gorman, Junior Class treasurer. Joe is club secretary and manager of club sports. We just lifted him from the single men's category and placed him up with the married boys. For anybody interested, Joe says that married life is the only life!

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All graduates of last year at T.C. were placed before Sept. 1. The average beginning salary was \$2,000. Contrast this with the beginning salary in academic grades of no more than \$1,000 less than ten years ago. We must consider, of course, that the cost of living has also risen since that time. Though teachers salaries rise slowly, they very seldom shrink.

In certain respects teachers have never been held in such high regard as at the present time. Innumerable articles have been written in praise of the teacher. News reels, editorials, and all types of magazines have supported the teacher. The New Deal and the last war have made people more and more conscious of the value of education. The sum total effect of any war is to broaden educational opportunity for new groups and classes of people. Take into consideration all the adult training courses, vocational training, citizenship education, health education, nutrition and child care, nursery schools, psychiatric services, etc., which have arisen since 1940. The G.I. Bill, of course, is the most important facet on this many sided educational issue. Vast new opportunities have presented themselves to both the teachers and the taught. There has never been so much demand for teachers of all kinds of specialized instruction and never has there been such opportunity for those on a graduate school level.

The beginning teacher has a number of pitfalls to avoid. He must guard against an unwarranted sense of being fully and completely educated, instead of realizing that his preparation for teaching was only a beginning. He must beware of lack of confidence in discipline that will lead to too harsh or too lenient treatment. In relations with old-

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FITCHBURG TEACHERS COLLEGE SPORTS

Soccer Team Splits First Two Games

NEW ENGLAND TEACHERS COLLEGE CONFERENCE

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The Northern League will encompass Fitchburg, Farmington, Me., Gorham, N.H., Keene, N.H., Plymouth, N.H., and Salem. The entry of Plymouth into the League was approved this summer.

In the Southern League are; Arnold, New Britain, New Haven, Willimantic and R.I.C.E. (Rhode Island College of Ed.) Only the games with teams in your own league will count in the final sectional standings and at the seasons finish there are tentative plans to have a Conference play-off in each sport.

STUDENTS VISIT SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

On October third, ten members of coach Elliot's HP&E course visited the city of Fitchburg's sewerage disposal plant.

The plant, built at a cost of \$350,000, took five years to complete and services a drainage area of the Nashua river of 62 square miles at North Fitchburg.

When the plant is in operation, city sewerage is pumped through siphons into huge Imhoff tanks where chemical digestion occurs. Heavy sludge, residue from the digestive action on organic matter, is then pumped by a compound air lift into open sludge beds where rapid dewatering of the sludge takes place. The dry product is used as a fertilizer or deposited in a special dumping area. The liquid residue remaining in the Imhoff tanks after the sludge is removed is routed through a Trickling Filter where aeration and insect life (spiders and worms) further decrease the bacteriological content. The liquid is then passed through secondary settling tanks where most of the remaining sediment is trapped and returned to Imhoff tanks for further digestion, while the semi-purified water passes into the Nashua river.

The trip was first of a series of off campus laboratory periods inaugurated by Mr. Elliot to acquaint students with the various civic measures which contribute much toward maintaining high community health standards.

WORLD NEWS

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larly the singing stars, will eventually suffer from lack of royalties. Each performer has at this time a backlog of records yet to be issued, but this reserve can not last indefinitely.

The issue is far from closed, however. When record fans in

W. A. A.

The annual Women's Athletic Association Conference of the Massachusetts Teachers Colleges was held at North Adams on October 17th and 18th.

The Misses Carol Farrar and Ellen Bonitz were Fitchburg's representatives, accompanied by Miss Donovan, as sponsor.

The general theme of the Conference was "How Does Physical Education Contribute to the Home?" Fitchburg's specific topic of the discussion was "Physical Education in Social organizations and in the Home."

Plans are being made for a group of girls to travel to Smith College, Northampton, November 13th to witness a hockey game between Smith and an English hockey team. Watch the bulletin board for further information.

STUDENT FORUM

The Student Forum is headed for an active year of radio discussions and debates. Seven colleges, including Boston, Simmons, Holy Cross, Worcester Polytech, The Elms, Clark and Tufts have been signed for the fall radio series, College Student Opinion, to be broadcasted on Station WEIM. One half hour recording has already been made for the Devens — Fitchburg broadcast.

Two students from Devens and Joseph Porter '49 and William Fitzgibbon '49 of Teachers College each expressed his personal opinions of the closed shop and cross-questioned one another for five minutes while an expert sat on the sidelines. Then the expert evaluated the whole discussion. Mr. Cornelius Donoghue, F. T. C. instructor in sociology appraised the closed shop opinions. New forum members joining in October will have a chance to participate in this radio series.

President Mary Truland has a bid from Rhode Island College of Education for a debate on the national college question — Federal World Government.

Saracen and Breault on Youth Centers is the program for the fourth Tuesday, October 28, Student Forum Meeting.

the form of John Q. Public get stirred up at the prospect of no new records, anything can and probably will happen.

The war may be over but the Coast Guard still carries on. The story of the daring sea rescue made by the Coast Guard Cutter Bibb has warmed the hearts of Americans everywhere.

The large flying boat, Bermuda Sky Queen, crash-landed 800 miles off the coast of Newfoundland. While 35-foot waves lashed at the ship, the crew of the Cutter Bibb worked feverishly to save the lives of the 69 passengers. Last Sunday the Bibb rode into Boston Harbor with all of the passengers of the ill-fated plane safe on board. Once again the Coast Guard had lived up to its motto: "Semper Paratus."

GREEN AND WHITE TOPS SUFFOLK U., BUT LOSES TO M.I.T.

T.C. DEFEATS SUFFOLK ON MILLER'S GOAL

OCT. 7, 1947

It took a well manned but over anxious T. C. eleven four full periods to boot out a 1 to 0 win over the visitors from Suffolk University here at the T. C. Athletic Field this afternoon. The Green and White forced the play for most of the game and the long booting of Graham, Miller and Sullivan resulted in the ball being in Suffolk territory most of the afternoon. For the first three periods the T. C.'ers lacked a scoring and seemed to be bunching in front of the enemy goal. In the last period however with less than ten minutes to go Gus Amaral took a throw in from Dave Vennberg, dribbled brilliantly by the opposing half into the corner and then crossed nicely in front of the goal to Fred Miller who blasted a shot by the Suffolk goalie for the games only tally. Some of the finest goal tending seen at T. C. Athletic Field in years was turned in by Max Moczulewski. In the second period he made a fine save on a high corner shot by Schiemkiewicz and in the third period he made a brilliant save on a Penalty shot by the same man.

For Suffolk U. the play of Schiemkiewicz at center half and Barlog in the goal was exceptional.

T.C.	Lineup	Suffolk
Moczulewski	G.	Barlog
Theodores	R.F.	Snelling
Sullivan	L.F.	Novack
Snow	R.H.	Murphy
Graham	CH.	Sullivan
Vennberg	L.H.	Buyyows
Krikorian	OR.	Ross
King	IR.	Perkins
Miller	CF.	Schiemkiewicz
Ahern	IL.	Quinn
Amaral	OL.	Swansburg
Referee — Emile Johnson		
Time — 4 — 22 min. periods		

COLLEGE CALENDAR 1947 — 1948

- Worcester County Teachers Convention (Training Schools) Friday, November 7
- Armistice Day — Holiday Tuesday, November 11
- Thanksgiving Recess Wednesday noon through Sunday, Nov. 26 through Nov. 30
- Christmas Vacation Training School Saturday through Sunday, Dec. 20 through Dec. 28
- College Saturday through Sunday, Dec. 20 through Jan. 4, 1948
- New Year's Day (Training School) Thursday, Jan. 1, 1948
- Registration — Second Term Monday, January 26

T.C. DOWNED BY M.I.T. — 4 TO 0

OCT. 14, 1947

The value of experience once again proved itself today as a Soccer-wise M.I.T. team booted out a 4 to 0 win over a scrappy but green T.C. eleven. The skillful dribbling and deadly kicking of the scarlet jerseyed boys from the "Banks of The Charles" had the fans gasping time and again.

Tech scored first in two minutes of the first period on a penalty kick by Dimmittiou. The T. C.'ers, however, playing their usual aggressive brand of ball battled the Tech team to a standstill for the rest of the first half. Near the middle of the third period the visitors suddenly blasted in three goals in a space of eight minutes. The Green and White never quite recovered from this but they held Tech scoreless for the remainder of the game.

For Tech the play of Rizo Patron, their inside right with two goals, was spectacular as was the work of Veras and Rosendahl. For our own team, the brilliant defensive play of Bill Graham and Jerry Snow in the last half was the outstanding feature. The absence of Co-capt., Fred Miller from the T.C. lineup due to a leg injury was a serious handicap to the team, but it is reported that he may be ready for the Devens game.

Lineup	
Moczulewski	G.
Theodores (C)	R.F.
Sullivan	L.F.
Snow	L.H.
Graham	C.H.
Vennberg	R.H.
Krikorian	O.R.
Fiorello	I.R.
Ahern	C.F.
King	I.L.
Amaral	O.L.

Linesmen; Gifford and Spector
Referee; Emile Johnson
Time; Three 22 minute periods

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Mohawk officers, 1947-48. Left to right: Vice-president, Fred Miller; Treasurer, Pat Tramontozzi; Alumni Secretary, Ray Forest; President, Mike Russo; Secretary, Joe Bloom.

MOHAWKS

The Mohawk Club held its annual initiation over the last week-end. During the two day mountain trip, neophytes received their "baptism of fire". After the grueling ordeal was over, those neophytes still able to stand were officially accepted into the club.

With its complement now complete, the club is prepared once again to continue the furtherance of the ideals upon which it was founded. If we can say, at the close of the school year, that we have materially contributed to the cause of good fellowship, and that we have done our share toward the strengthening of inter-student relationships, then will we feel that we have accomplished our purpose. For the main reason for the existence of student societies is to implement and unify student relations, the while keeping firmly in mind the necessity for upholding school prestige and standards. All of this the Mohawks firmly pledge to do to the best of their ability.

ESOTERICIS

The annual initiation of new brothers was held on Monday evening, October 20th, followed by a get-acquainted party. In the presence of the regular and honorary members of the Society, the neophytes were allowed to pass through the solemn ritual which signified their acceptance into the brotherhood. We announce there-fore the sharing of our fraternal mysteries with the following men: William Kennedy, Bernard Harcourt, Edward Cunningham, Walter Torno and George Olson.

The ESOTERIC Society is also proud to announce at this time that the position of Co-Sponsor of our organization has been accepted by Mr. Richard L. Kent, the new Director of Music. The position was formerly held by Mr. David Burns who has assumed new duties in Fall River. We feel that the association of Mr. Kent with the ESOTERIC Society will be a long and pleasant one for all concerned.

The Society wishes to take this opportunity to wish good luck to the other organizations and their new members, and hope for a successful year for all of them.

EDUCATION TODAY

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er, more experienced teachers tact and diplomacy must be employed. The teacher's companions, views, and general behaviour will become common gossip, especially in small towns. The personal life of today's teacher, however, is freer than ever before. The public now realizes that teachers are human too.

The drawbacks of teaching as a profession are outnumbered by its good points. Above all other advantages stands the item of personal satisfaction. Though the cynic might pat his wallet and shrug with disdain, the real teacher will smile for he knows he is aiding mankind in its pursuit of happiness.

CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP

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to have as it's Chaplain this year the Rev. George E. Lang, pastor of the Beth-Eden Baptist Church in Fitchburg, Mr. Lang is a graduate of New York University, Nyack Missionary Collection.

Training Institute and Gordon College. At present he is studying at Gordon Divinity School.

Mr. Lang will speak at the first meeting Monday, Nov. 3rd.

FREEDOM TRAIN

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by fire, theft or water. Special precautions have been taken against any sudden temperature changes that might endanger the documents.

Some ninety-four railroads will be used in transporting the historic papers around the country. Much of the routing work is done by members of the United States War Department's Military Transportation Section — the same group which handled troop transport during the war. Freedom Train will visit literally hundreds of cities and smaller communities on its tour.

Most of the important documents come from the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the State Department. Some, however, belong to private collections, notably the Rosenbach Collection.



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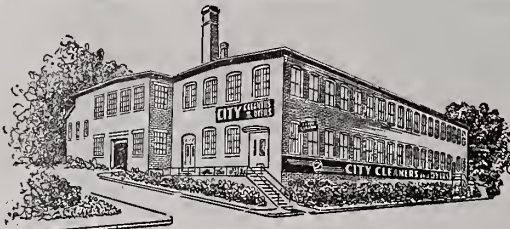
GEM THEATRE

Wed. Sat. Oct. 22 - 25
"Keeper of the Bees"
"Michigan Kid"

Sun. - Tues. Oct. 26 - 28
"Boom Town"
"Dick Tracey's Dilemma"

Wed.-Sat. Oct. 29-Nov. 1
"Jolson Story"
"Treasure House" (short)

Sun. - Tues. Nov. 2 - 4
"O'Malley of The Mounted"
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"Wife Wanted"

Fri. and Sat. Oct. 24 and 25

"My Favorite Brunette"
"Big Town"

Sun. Oct. 26

"Trail Street"
"Web of Danger"

Mon. and Tues. Oct. 27 and 28

"The Best Years of Our Life"

Wed. and Thurs. Oct. 29 and 30

"Undercover Maisie"
"Trespasser"

Fri. and Sat. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1

"The Yearling"

Sun. Nov. 2

"Tarzan and The Huntress"
"Riding The California Trail"

Mon. and Tues. Nov. 3 and 4

"Romance of Rosie Ridge"
"Backlash"

LYRIC THEATRE

Wed. Oct. 22

All Star Cowboy Stage Show
"Twice Blessed"

Thurs. Oct. 23

"Twice Blessed"

Fri. and Sat. Oct. 24 and 25

Five Acts of Vaudeville
"Gentle Annie"

Sun. Oct. 26

"Patrick The Great"

Mon. Oct. 27

On Stage An All French Speaking Show

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Tues. - Thurs. Oct. 28 - 30

"Bells of St. Mary"

Fri. and Sat. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1

5 Acts of Vaudeville
"The Clock"

Sun. Nov. 2

"Big Sleep"

Mon. and Tues. Nov. 3 and 4

Two Finnish Speaking Pictures
"Borrowing Matches"

CUMMINGS THEATRE

Wed. and Thurs. Oct. 22 and 23

"Colonel Effingham's Raid"
"Strange Conquest"

Fri. and Sat. Oct. 24 and 25

"Bride By Mistake"
"Flame of The West"

Sun. and Mon. Oct. 26 and 27

"The Big sleep"
"Night Train To Memphis"

Tues. Oct. 28

"There Goes Kelly"
"The Great Flamarion"

Wed. and Thurs. Oct. 29 and 30

"Bachelor's Daughter"
"She Wolf Of London"

Fri. and Sat. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1

"And Then There Were None"
"Abilene Town"

Sun. and Mon. Nov. 2 and 3

"Sentimental Journey"
"Slightly Scandalous"

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